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Appl. No.: 10/073,727

Art Unit: 2632

Applicant: Hunter *et al.*

Examiner: Nguyen, Tai

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) (See also MPEP §711.03(c))

Sir:

A Notice of Abandonment, mailed **December 12, 2003** (Paper No. 6) for the above-referenced application, alleges that Applicants failed to timely file a proper reply to an Office Action mailed on **May 7, 2003**. However, upon observation of the facts in this application, we submit that the Notice of Abandonment has been sent in error and that a timely Response to the Office Action has indeed been filed. Please see the attached copy of the return postcard from the USPTO showing receipt of the Response.

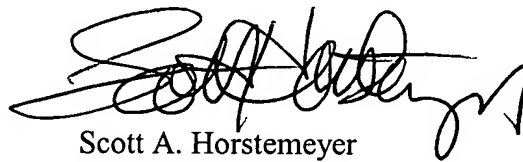
It is noted however that an *incorrect* Application Number has been designated on some of the papers accompanying the Response. More particularly, the Response includes a clean copy and marked-up copy of a substitute specification and a replacement drawing sheet. Mailed along with the Response was a Transmittal Letter, Petition for Extension of Time, and return postcards. Due to a typographical error, the **Transmittal Letter** and **Petition for Extension of Time** include incorrect Application No. 10/073,272, instead of the correct Application No. 10/073,727. However, the Response itself, the replacement drawing sheet, and the return postcards indicated the correct Application No. 10/073,727.

Therefore, we submit that a full and timely response has been filed in this application, but, because of incorrect Application Numbers on two of these papers, the

Response has merely been placed in the incorrect file. Please reconsider and kindly withdraw the holding of abandonment. Also, please remove the Response and accompanying papers from Application No. 10/073,272 and enter the Response in Application No. 10/073,727. A copy of the filed documents is enclosed herewith for convenience. Examination on the merits of this application with respect to the Response is hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (770) 933-9500.

In accordance with MPEP 711.03(c), no fees are required with this petition. In the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.

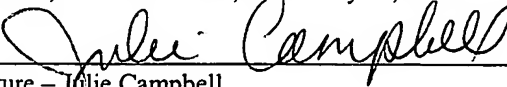
Respectfully submitted,



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